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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered into the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 3, 4, and 6 as follows:

a1 *Sub B1* --3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said membrane is a stainless steel fiber web.

4. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, said method comprising the step of providing fuel to said membrane during the regeneration period.

a2 *Sub B1* 6. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, said method further comprising the step of:
- monitoring the pressure across said membrane during the filtration period.--

Please add new claims 9 through 15 as follows:

a3 *Sub B1* --9. (New) A method according to claim 2, wherein said membrane is a stainless steel fiber web.

10. (New) A method according to claim 2, said method comprising the step of